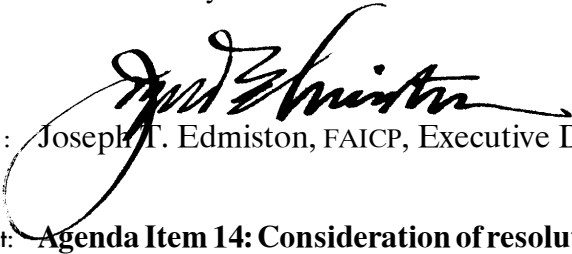


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 24, 2005

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution augmenting Proposition 50 watershed acquisition Project Planning and Design grant (SMM-0464) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution augmenting Proposition 50 Project Planning and Design grant (SMM-0464) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$200,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204(c) of Public Resources Code.

Background: On August 30, 2004 the Board authorized a \$200,000.00 grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for project planning and design services for projects in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed and Santa Monica Mountains coastal watershed portions of the Santa Monica Mountains Zone. The grant funds are used for activities directly related to the acquisition, protection and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs for a subset of projects listed on the MRCA Workprogram.

The MRCA has requested an augmentation to the grant for additional personnel time and retention of professional consultants for the development of acquisition and park restoration projects for the protection of land and water resources. The consultant contracts were not anticipated by MRCA at the time of their grant application, and the personnel time necessary to complete the work has been greater than expected. The grant augmentation would cover these additional costs.